

Star Chamber Sessions Split Graft Hunters

Some Republican Members in Sympathy With Minority Demand Witnesses Testify Only in Public

Reorganization Forecast

Hearst-Hylan Regime Gain by Committee's Delay Chief Counsel Criticized

An attempt will be made tomorrow by two of the Democratic members of the joint legislative graft investigating committee to put an end to the executive sessions which have been under way since the committee organized two months ago.

Charles D. Donohue, minority leader of the Assembly, and Assemblyman Maurice Bloch, announced yesterday that they would ask that all hearings henceforward be held in the open. They added that if they met with refusal they would instruct all witnesses not to answer any questions behind closed doors.

It was said that the minority members will demand that Senator Schuyler M. Meyer call a meeting for the full committee within the next two or three days so that the entire matter of secret hearings may be submitted to a vote.

Some of the Republican members are not in sympathy with the continued executive sessions and have refused to sit in on any such examinations insisting that the time is past for that sort of thing, and that public sessions should start without further delay.

Reorganization Propheesied

One Republican member has criticized the methods pursued by the committee as being far from satisfactory, and has predicted that there will be a partial reorganization of the committee's staff before long.

It is said that there is considerable friction among the associate counsel and some of the highly paid investigators, statisticians, accountants, etc. Friends of one of the associate counsel declare that he will resign if an opinion is not given to him by the committee that he is not satisfied with the progress made by the committee. Some of the New York City men in the committee lay the blame for failure to begin open sessions on the door of Mr. E. R. Brown, is not satisfied with the progress made by the committee. Some of the New York City men in the committee lay the blame for failure to begin open sessions on the door of Mr. E. R. Brown, is not satisfied with the progress made by the committee.

Whoever or whatever is responsible for the delay, the Hearst-Hylan-Tammany machine is taking advantage of it to add to the volume of the committee. Certain politicians who have been subpoenaed to the headquarters of the committee have volunteered the information that it is gossiped among the friends of Police Commissioner Enright that he has the committee fixed. One of those in charge of the investigation, who retold the stories offered by the police witnesses to The Tribune, said:

"Of course, it is utterly absurd for any one to say that Enright has the committee fixed. That is just as absurd as the report which went the rounds last spring of the effect that Enright carried one of the Republican legislative leaders in his vest pocket."

Chairman Meyer's comment on the stories was:

"I would not dignify such stories by denial. I have not heard them. If any one thinks that Enright has the committee fixed, let him wait a month."

Chairman Meyer declared that the work before the committee has been ten times greater than that which ever confronted any investigating body; that the body was organized only two months, and that other committees had passed considerably more time in preliminary work.

Testimony Garbled, Says Donohue

Minority Leader Donohue, in commenting yesterday on the secret hearings, charged that some of the testimony of police witnesses thus taken had been garbled. Assemblyman Bloch issued the following statement outlining the minority's objections to examinations behind closed doors:

"The Appellate Division has ruled that all committee hearings be held in public, which means that not only minority members of the committee, but the press and the public should be permitted to attend."

"In plain violation of this order Samuel A. Berger, associate counsel, insisted on the examination of Commissioner Sinnott behind closed doors. The dangers of such procedure which has been condemned and forbidden by the Appellate Division, are obvious. Testimony taken in secret may be distorted, suppressed or misrepresented by careless or hostile partisan treatment."

"There are two ways to stop these illegal star chamber hearings. One is by appealing to the courts. That will take time. The other is to instruct witnesses not to answer questions behind closed doors. This second and more simpler method will be adopted."

American Ships May Carry Part of Egyptian Cotton

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Negotiations now in progress by the Shipping Board and the British conference lines for a fair division of the Egyptian cotton trade are expected to result in American ships being allotted a portion of this commerce. The negotiations are being carried on through Shipping Board agents in London and by consular officers in Alexandria.

The Shipping Board last May submitted bids for the traffic considerably lower than the offers of the British companies, which for many years have had a monopoly on this business. Contracts for the movement of the fall crop have not been signed because of a division of opinion among the members of the Alexandria produce association, who favor British carriers for the trade.

Advertising To Be Considered By Shipping Board's Chief

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Consideration of the comprehensive report of the Advertising Agencies' Corporation authorized by Admiral Benson almost a year ago to make a survey of the advertising situation for the Shipping Board is to be given by Chairman Lasker and the members of the board early next week, so that some definite policy on paid publicity might be agreed upon.

The survey made by the association contained sixty-three suggestions for a nation-wide advertising campaign to increase freight and passenger traffic on American ships and to arouse interest in the merchant marine by stimulating the market for ship securities. Expenditure of \$1,000,000 during the next year is recommended. The report includes the summing up of six thousand interviews with leading publishers.

The Duke of Marlborough and His Bride



The Duke and Duchess, just after the ceremony, held recently at the home of the bride's cousin, Eugene Higgins, in Paris. The bride was Miss Gladys Deacon, of Boston.

American Skipper Fights Sabotage by Crew for a Month

Engine Room of Pocahontas Flooded, Ashes Found in Dynamo; Men Suspected of Plotting Put in Irons

NAPLES, July 9 (By The Associated Press).—The captain of the American steamship Pocahontas, which arrived here Monday after more than a month at sea with an insubordinate crew, has submitted a full report to the American Consul, Homer M. Byington, who is conducting an investigation. The report has been presented by the Consul to the Italian authorities, with whom the crew has filed charges of cruelty against the captain. These charges are denied and the captain accuses the crew of sabotage in his report recording daily events as they happened during the voyage.

After sailing from Boston, where the vessel collided with a dock, on June 3, the report states that there was experienced continuous difficulties with the speed, which constantly was decreasing. On June 8 the engine room was flooded and the ship listed. Seaman Geneco was put in irons.

Open Ports Let in Flood

Two portholes were mysteriously opened on June 6 and water which flowed in ruined a quantity of supplies. The next day ashes were discovered in the dynamo and the dynamo men were placed in irons. On subsequent dates the muddier was disabled, and the fresh water supplies were opened.

Engineer Prendergast, says the report, was ordered to remain in his cabin by the ship's doctor, as he was suffering from nervous strain. Alfredo Caromite was placed in irons for stealing 200 pieces of silver, forty pieces of linen and other supplies. The daily report from June 14 reads:

"June 14—All the boiler pumps stopped and all fires but one are out. Water continues to flood the engine room. Alfredo Pablo placed in irons for refusing to obey orders, and Louis Prewath, cooper, imprisoned for abandoning his post."

June 16—Arrived at Punta Delgada and discovered an attempt to burn the ship.

June 21—First Engineer F. W. Hinkley, Fourth Engineer F. B. Hinkley, Engineer McMurtrie and Steward Fleming placed in irons, charged with plotting to delay the voyage.

June 22—A slight fire in the hold extinguished.

June 27—Eight feet of water on the lower decks; conduit pipes punctured.

July 3—Caromite died suddenly; cause unknown.

July 4—Engineer Prendergast threw himself overboard; body recovered; found both hands tied, with large pipe between, so he was unable to swim.

Brussels Envoys Here Today

S. N. Goossens-Bara, of the public hospital board of Brussels, and J. B. Dewin, architect, two representatives from the city of Brussels who are coming to the United States in connection with a plan for the development of facilities for medical education in their country, will arrive in New York on the Lapland, which is expected to dock some time to-day.

Mr. Goossens-Bara and Mr. Dewin will

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Roadster Torrens Used in Kidnaping Baby Girl Found

Mother Collapses and Fear Is Felt for Child's Safety; Police Chief Hunts Dark Woman Seen Near Home

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., July 9.—Chief of Police Bert Miller reported late to-night that he had found the roadster in which Alfred Torrens and three accomplices escaped after kidnaping his nine-months-old daughter, Margaret Eloyse, on Thursday.

The car was found in Torrens's garage in Paterson, but all trace of the occupants was carefully covered up when they abandoned it.

Chief Miller, who spent the entire day questioning members of the Torrens family, was still at work late last night. As a result of his examinations the prospects for making an arrest were brighter than at any time since the child so mysteriously disappeared.

Grave fears for the safety of the baby are entertained by the mother, Mrs. Margaret Simpson Torrens, particularly on account of the infant's reluctance to take sustenance from any one but its mother. The child's death would add to the gravity of the charges now made against the fugitive husband and his accomplices.

Mrs. Torrens collapsed at her home to-day, after a sleepless night of worry. She is under the care of physicians at the Cedars, the summer home of her father here. The mother has expressed fear that harm may come to the baby because of an ungovernable temper which she says her husband possesses.

Chief Miller said to-night that he expects to make some arrests shortly. Several persons, heretofore unassociated, may be implicated in the case, he said. He is looking for a dark woman who was seen loitering in the vicinity of the Simpson summer home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Marie Ramsey, married sister of Alfred J. Torrens, has denied knowledge of the whereabouts of her brother. She was questioned by Chief Miller and former County Prosecutor Michael Dunn, counsel for Mr. Simpson. She declared she was not in Pompton Lakes and had not seen her brother.

Mayo Denies Attempt To Re-kidnap Daughter Counsel Says Wife's Request Was All That Delayed Divorce Suit Filing

Roy Mayo, father of baby Charlotte Mayo, who was kidnaped by her mother on Tuesday, denied yesterday that he had made an attempt to rekidnap the little girl, and said that so far as he was concerned there was no desire for a truce in the domestic warfare.

Anton Siegel, attorney for Mr. Mayo, declared that he had been in court on Friday ready to present papers in a divorce action, when he had been asked by an agent of Mrs. Mayo to withhold filing the papers.

"I told him very pointedly and bluntly," said Mr. Siegel, "that if there was to be an amicable adjustment of this difficulty I would assume the role of a dictator and that Mrs. Mayo would have to accede to my terms and conditions to the very letter."

"I want to take this opportunity to deny all of the melodramatic stories inspired by Mrs. Mayo with respect to efforts on the part of detectives in Mr. Mayo's employ to kidnap little Charlotte. I desire further to characterize all her statements as pure and simple propaganda to gain notoriety and publicity, which I am informed she eagerly craves, in view of the fact that she desires a career in moving pictures."

Reese Maltby Drowned When Boat Overturns in Squall

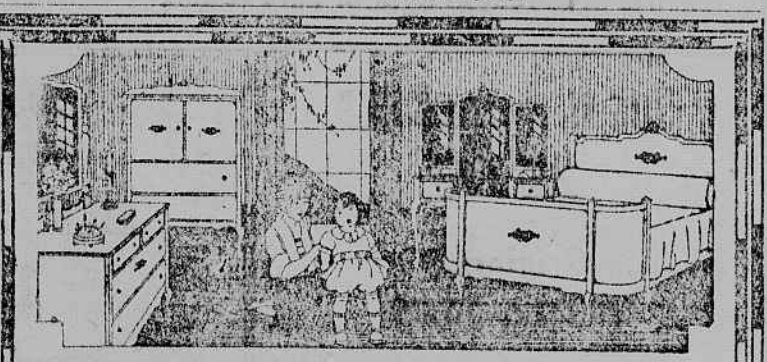
OGDENSBURG, N. Y., July 9.—Reese Maltby, of New York, son of the late state Senator and Congressman George R. Maltby, was drowned to-night when his boat was overturned in a squall on the St. Lawrence River, six miles from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Maltby had been spending a few days with Mr. Maltby's mother at her home here and, with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wells, of Ogdenburg, were at the Maltby camp for the week end. All four were in the boat at the time of the accident, but the other three were rescued, although Mrs. Maltby's condition to-night was very serious. Mr. Maltby, who was thirty-two years old, was employed by a large baking concern.

Authors End Their Quarrel With Publishing Corporation

The executive committee of the Authors' League has ended that organization's June 14 fight with the International Magazine Company by adopting a resolution admitting that the concern's policy as to the motion picture rights of manuscripts accepted for publication was "fair and equitable."

The league had asserted that the publishing company was unfair in demanding that contributors to its magazines surrender motion picture rights to their articles. The company publishes The Cosmopolitan Magazine, Hearst's, Harper's Bazaar and Good Housekeeping.



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Table Cloths . each \$4.75 & 5.75

Table Napkins, per doz. 6.25 & 7.50

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Table Napkins, per doz. 9.75 & 10.75

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